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A GREAT DAY RECALLED

In the midst of the after-war difficulties, perplexities, burdens and disappointments we sometimes forget that a great thing well worth doing was successfully accomplished. And because we are apt to forget it is well now and then to call to mind certain outstanding and ever memorable features of the great adventure. Being asked recently what particular incident he regarded as the climax of the American effort in the World War, General Pershing answered without hesitation: "Cutting the enemy's lines at Sedan." This occurred on November 6, 1918, and in regard to this great day in American history Pershing reported to Secretary Baker date of November 20, 1918.

"With comparatively well rested divisions the final advance in the Meuse-Argonne front was begun on November 1. Our increased artillery force acquitted itself magnificiently in support of the advance and the enemy broke before the determined infantry, which, by its persistent fighting of the past weeks and the dash of this attack, had overcome his will to resist.

"The Third Corps took Ancreville, Doulcon and Anderanne, and the Fifth Corps took Landres et St. Georges and pressed through successive lines of resistance to Bayonville and Chennery. On the 2d the First Corps joined in the movement, which now became an impetuous onslaught that could not be stayed. On the 3d advance troops surged forward in pursuit, some by motor trucks, while the artillery pressed along the country roads close behind. The First Corps reached Authe and Chatillon-sur-Bar, the Fifth Corps Nouart and the Third Corps Halles, penetrating the enemy's line to a depth of 12 miles. Our large calibre guns had advanced and were skilfully brought into position to fire upon the important lines at Montmedy, Longuyon and Conflans. Our Third Corps crossed the Meuse on the 5th and the other corps, in the full confidence that the day was theirs, eagerly cleared the way of machine guns as they swept northward, maintaining complete coordination throughout.

"On the 6th a division of the First Corps reached a point on the Meuse opposite Sedan, twenty-five miles from our line of departure. The strategetical goal which was our highest hope was gained. We had cut the enemy's main line of communications, and nothing but surrender or an armistice could save his army from complete distaster."

Of course the German military leaders recognized this at once, but it took a little time to convince the Germas government and people. So five days passed before the armistice had been sought, granted and announced, and the further advance of American troops into Germany was no longer opposed. In the Meuse-Argonne "crucial contest" the Americans fought and completely defeated a total of forty German divisions, thus bringing the World War of four years, three months and twelve days to the end demanded by the right and by civilization itself.

NOT NATURE'S FAULT

Under the present disturbed conditions no one has less cause for complaint than the American farmer, for the farmers have harvested immense crops and can sell at record-breaking prices. The nearly three billion bushels of corn are worth $3,-994,294,000. The wheat crop is valued at $2,528,472,000. In addition to nearly six billions of dollars in corn and wheat, there is a crop of [illegible]5,000,000; barley, $200,-[illegible] potatoes, $577,000,000; hay, [illegible] $542,000,000; flaxseed and rice, [illegible] and the cotton is valued at $2,000,000. [illegible] of all these crops [illegible] value to [illegible] billion dollars. [illegible] in live stock [illegible] products, and [illegible] and vegetable [illegible] to be counted.

Statesmen may have made mistakes, the country may be full of disturbance and discontent, profiteers may be going unchecked along their path of greed, the consumer may be skinned and singed right and left [illegible] increase in bountiful measure, and for this at least we may all be thankful. The fault is not with generous nature, but with the blundering, the perverse and the piratical among men. It must be admitted, however, that after such an upheaval as the World War many serious difficulties of readjustment are inevitable.

Paderewski has failed and resigned as Poland's Premier. The only wonder is that he was able to keep up the struggle with enormous difficulties so long. Doubtless he was called to the job in the first place largely because of his fame and his friends in America. Let us hope that he will now resume his matchless piano playing which, however unsurpassed, could not be expected to furnish the proper preparation for statesmanship.

Strikers have cost labor and industry two billions of dollars in 1919. There is no more reason why the public should suffer from a labor dispute than from any other kind of dispute. Quarreling neighbors are required to take their grievances to court for binding decisions on the basis of equity. Some day we will have sense enough to require industrial disputants do the same thing.

Lieut Kliefoth, who spent three years in Russia in the American Intelligence Service, says that the soviet government has reduced university education to a joke by admitting all comers, regardless of qualifications, many entering who can not even read. The method is characteristic of Bolshevism which plunges on its way regardless.

If America is harmed by delay in accepting the un-Americanized covenant and peace treaty, why is it that foreign exchange is slipping while the good old American dollar holds its own? Evidently it was not the heart of the world, but the pocket book of the world, that some people were so much alarmed about.

General Pershing's recent report proves that while the Creel bureau was busy advertising the imaginary war achievements of administration politicians, it overlooked a great deal that might have been said of the achievements of the American soldiers on the battlefields.

A stream near Philadelphia known as the Brandywine since the days of George Washington has fallen into disrepute, it is reported, local reformers being eager to change the disgraceful name to Lemon Soda Run or Ginger Ale Creek.

Persecution of the common people continues. A jury has sent to the penitentiary a North Dakota banker who insisted on lending money to a friendly political orgaization without reference to the plutocratic banking laws.

It is charged that the war department has illegally spent millions of dollars in buying land and constructing military posts since the armistice was signed. But then there are a lot of people who don't know that the war is over.

The boys were out of the trenches long before Christmas last year, but it looks as if it will be after Christmas this year and longer still before the country will be officially out of war.

Alabama alone raised enough peanuts this year to supply two quarts to every man, woman and child in the whole country. In these strange times the bigger the production the more you pay for the produce.

It is said that there are less than a dozen persons who can write successful film plays and that about 70,000 are trying, which helps to explain why you see a really good photo-drama only semi-occasionally.

We are now sure that Doc Garfield is not a Democrat, else he never would have thought of resigning.

JURY WHEEL FOR 1920 IS BEING FILLED

Under the supervision of Judge J. A. McIlvaine and the jury commissioners, J. Warren VanKirk and James McLoney, with Frank M. Caton as clerk, began on Friday the filling of the jury wheel. One thousand and sixty names will be put in the wheel. All the names which were put in the wheel a year ago, and remaining there, were destroyed before the refilling for 1920 began. Some time the latter part of next week the jurors for the grand and petit juries for the February term will be drawn.

--See Moore and Marsdon in a high class sketch, "Versatile Ukalelle's" [illegible]

SLOT MACHINES WERE CROOKED

It develops that a number of proprietors of pool rooms in Donora which had slot machines and punch boards in their places of business, had their slot machine so arranged that it was impossible for a player to win. Springs in the slots of the machines were found bent, making it impossible for the house to lose, and the owners of these machines were placed under arrest, to stand trial on a more serious charge. Constable Titus made a wholesale sweep of all these gambling devices and took them to the police station, to be disposed of some time later.

GIRRATINO'S BODY IDENTIFIED BY FRIENDS

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[illegible] any clues upon which the police and county officers can work, and the case remains as much a mystery as ever. The personal effects of Girratino were removed from his barber shop at 709 Fallowfield avenue to the police station, and they will be closely examined in the hope of obtaining some information concerning the dead man.

From papers found in his personal effects it was learned that Girratino was enlisted in the United States Army at Ellsworth on the 26th of July, 1918, and left for overseas duty October 18, 1918. He served abroad as a private in the 118th Company of Prisoners of War escort, returned to the United States October 5, 1919, and was mustered out of the service on the 11th day of October, 1919, at Camp Dix, New Jersey.

Girratino was found dead along the Granville hollow road, near Pike run, early Saturday morning, December 20. A number of bullet wounds were found in the body, while the upper part of the torso and the face and head had been badly burned by gasoline. This made identification difficult, but friends on Friday were enabled to recognize the man from his clothing and marks on the body.

The high cost of living is partly due to the high cost of loafing. Non producers are always consumers.

If Col House gets sore and wants to resign, what will he resign from?

How the Mint Buys Gold.

The mint buys gold in any form, whether coined or not, when presented in sums to the value of $50 or more. The face value of coins is not considered, only their weight and purity. An equivalent amount of lawful money is given in exchange. Theoretically, the gold is coined and handed back to the owner without charge. In practice, as a matter of convenience and to save time, the mint simply buys the gold and pays its full coinage value—that is what it will be when coined.

Frugality.

Frugality has ever been esteemed a virtue as well among pagans as Christians; there have been even heroes who practiced it. However, we must acknowledge that it is too modest a virtue, or, if you will, too obscure a one to be essential to heroism; few heroes have been able to attain to such a height. Frugality agrees much better with politics; it seems to be the base, the support, and, in a word, the inseparable companion of a just administration.—Oliver Goldsmith.

Forestalled the President.

Peggy is feeling important these days having been chosen secretary of her little church club. She was laboring over the minutes of her first meeting when I suggested that she should always begin: "The meeting was called to order with the president in the chair." "But she wasn't," protested Peggy, indignantly. "I was. I got there first and got the big chair and the rest had only kindergarten seats."

Foolish Fad of Idle Rich.

At one time snail racing was a great fad in Austria. Vienna had a fashionable snail racing club, where fortunes were frequently wagered on the ridiculous contests. Careful records of the time taken by the winning snail to crawl around the miniature race course were kept, in order that contestants might be properly handicapped in subsequent matches.

Beat Them to It.

I was expecting a friend to call on Sunday evening. I opened the parlor door, and, seating myself on the porch awaited his arrival. When he came we went into the parlor. Hearing a noise, we looked around, and to my chagrin discovered my two pet chickens roosting on the back of a chair.—Chicago Tribune.

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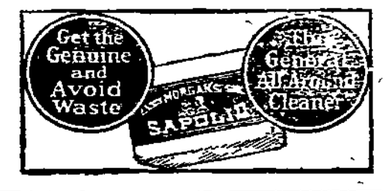

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ATTENDING MEETING OF "IVY" DIVISION

James J. Hersche and Harold Toner are attending a smoker given tonight at the Hotel Pennsylvania in New York City by the "Ivy Division" of which both boys were members during the great World War.

The "get together" is to be a very unusual affair, in fact, the first of its kind in the historic "Army of Occupation".

The "Ivy" had a wonderful war record. It was in the thick of the battle so much that it had to be filled up with replacements five times. It was at Chateau-Theiry, the River Vesle, the St. Mihiel drive, the Argonne drive, then went into Germany and stayed there until August.

Five monuments stand on the battlefields of France, tributes to the 15,000 of the "Ivy" that never came back, and, in the national soldiers' cemetery at Arlington, a memorial, finer than any that has been erected there is to rise to the "Ivy's" glory, land, and honor.

Resolutions.

The Angel of Death has visited Charleroi Review 185, and taken from us a beloved Sister, Lady Lee, and Whereas,

We remember well the loving service, the friendly council and the cheering smile of our Sister who has passed beyond and Whereas,

We do mourn deeply the loss from our Fraternal Council of these our sisters many virtues while we believe that our Father, who has seen fit so to bereave us, doeth all things well. Be it resolved that we, the members of Charleroi Review, 185, of the Women's Benefit Association do hereby tender to the family of our deceased sister our sincere sympathy in this our common loss and

Resolved, that in token of our sorrow and sympathy our charter be draped in mourning for a period of 30 days, and,

Resolved, that these resolutions be spread upon the records of our Review and a copy be sent to the bereaved family.

Lady Wilson,
Lady Carrigan,
Lady Critzer,
Committee.

173-t1

—See Laughlin, the planter, jazzing around his tea and coffee plantation at the Moose Bazaar tonight. Sir Thomas Lipton has nothing on this bird. 173t3

EXPECT CAR SUPPLY TO BE NORMAL SOON

It is anticipated that the car shortage which has handicapped the production of coke and coal in this section of the state will be overcome by the beginning of next week, and that the supply will be almost normal. A number of mines in the valley running by rail, have been greatly handicapped for several days because of the scarcity of cars, and have only been able to run about half time. As coal is badly needed in every section it is expected the railroads will make extra efforts to provide all the cars required.

—See Jake, the waiter and Noah, the Cook, in their sketch, "Grabbing the Nickels," at the Moose Club tonight. 173-t3

Monessen Moose Bazaar.

The Moose Temple at Third street and Schoonmaker avenue, was the scene of great activity last night, the Moose Bazaar, which continues for another week, having its best night's patronage since the opening on Christmas eve. This may be accounted for by the fact that the K. P's. one of the many fraternal organizations there, was lavishly doling out Yuletide gifts in true fraternal style and spirit to old and young alike. The recipients were many, in fact it appeared as though the whole town had been invited to participate in the hospitality of the organization, whose officers are to be highly commended. Their example could be copied to advantage.

This was probably the record for such a large attendance at the Bazaar, which of course is free to all, many of whom take advantage to look over the building during their visit.

Tonight there will be another select dance to which the ladies are admitted free, and in addition to the regular program a quartette of real vocalists and many other extra features will be presented, and from now on to the close there will be new additions of unique and novel entertainers. Some of the artists to appear were, owing to prior holiday engagements, unable to be present. They will be seen at their best during their stay here. The Bazaar closes on New Years' night. 173t1.

The car shortage, which has been quite a ute for a number of days, continues to affect the workings of the mines in the Pittsburg district. Operators hope, however, that the situation will be materially improved after the holidays.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

First M. E. Church

9:45 a. m., Sabbath school, Dr. Ferman, supt., Classes for all. 10:45, worship. Sermon by Rev. Logan Hall of Chicago. 6:30 p. m. Epworth League Devotional meeting. The last meeting of 1919. A helpful contest. Come. 7:30 worship. Sermon by the pastor on "The Old Year." Wednesday evening at 7:30, a special prayer service. Always a welcome.

E. N. Greenlee, pastor.

First Presbyterian

Sunday school 9:45. Morning worship 11. Subject, "Three Opinions of One Man". Junior Endeavor, 2:00 Senior Endeavor 6:45. Topic, "How to Make Next Year Better Than This". Leader, Miss Mabel Orange. Evening worship 7:30. Subject, "The Story of the Other Wise Man"—a Christmas story by Henry Van Dyke. The midweek meeting Wednesday 7:30.

Free Methodist

Sunday school at 9:45. I. N. Wakefield, supt. Sermon at 11. Topic, "Retrospect and Prospect." Praise service at 7:30. Sermon at 8. Topic, "Turning the New Leaf." Prayer meeting Wednesday. Class meeting Friday at 7:30 p. m. We will be pleased to have you worship with us.

R. B. Campbell, pastor.

Washington Avenue Presbyterian

Sabbath school at 9:45. Preaching at 11. Sermon, "Some New Year Meditations." Jr. C. E. at 2:30. Sr. C. E. at 6:30. Topic, "How to Make New Year Better Than This." Preaching at 7:30. Sermon, "A Pilgrim's Resolution".

Rev. John R. Burson, pastor.

Lutheran

Sunday school 9:45. Morning worship at 11, with sermon, subject: "Simeon's Witness and Prophesy." Luther League 6:30. Subject, "The Babe Greater than Angles" Miss Sarah Mack, leader. Evening worship 7:30. Steroptican views will be used to illustrate the message.

Christian

Bible school 9:45 a. m. Morning worship 10:45 Sermon subject, "No Room for Him". Y. P. S. C. E at 7 p. m. Evening worship 7:30. Sermon subject. "The Master Magnet of the Gospel".

C. G. Huffer, minister.

—See Ever-Ready Waltz, bundling the change, at the Moose Bazaar tonight. 173t3

VERY QUIET AT THE POLICE STATION

Affairs at the local police station were quiet on Christmas day, only one prisoner being brought there on a charge of being drunk and disorderly. Two were arrested on Wednesday for the same offense, but all of them left forfeits for their appearance. The police station for many weeks, has been a very quiet place, due to the passing of John Barleycorn.

—Greet your old friends and meet new friends at the Moose Club tonight.

POLLYANNAS HOLD ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Pollyanna club held its annual Christmas party at the home of Mrs. R. Moody, Friday evening, December 26. Mrs. Moody proved a very delightful hostess, and the evening was spent in games suitable to the occasion. One of the features of the evening which furnished quite a lot of fun was the Christmas tree, which held a gift for every member. At the conclusion of the games and distribution of gifts luncheon was served.

A youth of 17 at Ellis Island for deportation as an inendiary says the books he took out of the New York public library made him an anarchist. This may not be true, but it is true that library committees chose many books on hearsay, to read and judge them all being out of the question.

Strikes in 1919, according to the New York Sun's estimate, cost labor about a billion dollars and capital and the public in general about two billions. Many wars have been put through for less.

See and hear the local quartette at the Monessen Moose Club tonite. 173-t3

—See Claud & Sigh in their financial sketch, "Down on the Farm," at the Moose club tonight. 173 t3.

Ladies are admitted free to the select dance. Monessen Moose Club Bazaar, tonite. 173-t1

WANT ADS

FOR SALE—Mercantile brick building located between Sixth and Seventh street, Fallowfield Ave., Charleroi. Inquire E. J. Charles, Charleroi Savings and Trust Realty Dept. 149-tf

FOR SALE:Farm consisting of sixteen acres with six roomed house, good out buildings, including all stock and machinery and also four acres of coal on Monessen Brick Road. A. L. Dubinsky, Charleroi, Pa. 151tf

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WANTED—Drivers. Inquire at the American Railway Express office. 170-t3-p

WANTED—Girl for National Restaurant. Sixth street and McKean avenue. 171-t3

WANTED—Woman to do washing. To be done at their own home. Inquire 414 Washington avenue. 172t2

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WANTED—Lady to do cleaning. Apply second floor Stahlman building. 173-t2

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LOST—Boys glove in Majestic theatre or on Fallowfield avenue Christmas day. Finder please return to Mail office. 173-t3p

ROUND TABLE MEETING TO BE HELD JAN. 17

The third meeting of the season of the Washington County Principals' and Teachers' Round Table will be held in Superintendent Crumrine's office on Saturday, January 17. Principal John Entz, of the California State Normal is to be the principal speaker.

PIONEER MANUFACTURER DIES AT ADVANCED AGE

Marcus D. Wayman, who in 1870, built the first machine in the United States for the manufacture of plate glass, died at his home, Edgewood Park, near Pittsburg, aged 90 years. He was employed as master mechanic at the Pittsburg Plate Glass company's plant at Tarentum for many years and patterned several machines for glass making.

—See your friends and other mortals at the Moose club tonight. 173-t3

MEMBERS OF LOCK CREWS REMEMBERED WITH SMOKES

All members of the various lock crews on the Monongahela from No. 1 at Pittsburg to No. 6 at Rices Landing, were remembered on Christmas day by coal shippers with a generous contribution of cigars.

See the Buck and Wing artists from away down South. Monessen Moose Club Bazaar tonite. 173t3

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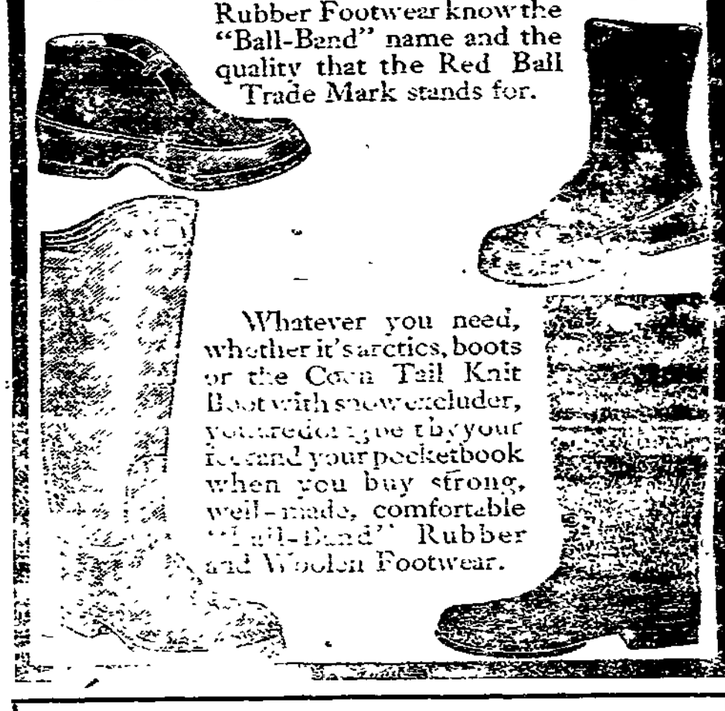

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December 22, 1919

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CONSTABLE RAIDS GAMBLING DEVICES

Constable Titus of Donora, made a raid on the pool rooms of that borough Tuesday night, and confiscated all the punch boards and slot machines found therein. The devices were loaded in a truck and placed in storage by the officer and it is likely that later all of them will be destroyed.

DIVORCE NOTICE

In the Court of Common Pleas of Washington County, Pa., Ella May Krager vs Harry Krager supoena sur libel for divorce. No. 153, August Term, 1919.

Notice to Respondent

To Harry Krager.

Whereas Ella May Krager, you wife has filed a libel in the Court of Common Pleas of Washington County, of August Term, 1919, No. 153, as above entitled, praying a divorce against you, now you are hereby notified and required to appear in said Court on or before Monday, the 9th day of February next, to answer the complaint of the said Ella May Krager, and in default of such appearance you will be liable to have a divorce granted in your absence.

Frank B. Wickerham,
Sheriff of Washington County

Sheriff's Office:
December 26th, 1919
Robert E. Barnside, Atty.
D27-J3-10-17

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Women Made Young

Bright eyes, a clear skin and a body full of youth and health may be yours if you will keep your system in order by regularly taking

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The world's standard remedy for kidney, liver, bladder and uric acid troubles, the enemies of life and looks. In use since 1696. All druggists, three sizes.

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The Past.

I have said that I deemed it a great thing for a nation, in all periods of its fortunes, to be able to look back to a race of founders and a principle of institution in which it might seem to see the realized idea of true heroism. That felicity, that pride, that help is ours. Our past, both its great eras, should announce, should compel, should spontaneously evolve as from a germ a wise moral and glorious future.—Henry Charley.

Dreaded Sub-Tropical Spider.

The mygale is one of the best known of the large and hairy spiders. It is a native of tropical and sub-tropical America. It is said that it catches and kills small birds with its poisonous bite and then sucks the blood of its victims. The body of this spider is dead black and is covered with long reddish-brown hair. It possesses eight eyes, placed close together in the front of its head.

Rose to Fame Unaided.

On the 23rd of October in 1825, Pliny Fisk, a zealous American missionary, died at Beyrout in Syria. Born in extreme poverty, Fisk managed to educate himself by his own labors. He was a remarkable linguist and preached in Italian, French, modern Greek, and Arabic. For two years, while he was working to get his education, Fisk subsisted entirely on bread and milk.

Feebleness.

There is nothing which tries our patience and good temper more than feebleness; the timidity, the vacillation, the conventionality, the fretfulness, the prejudices of the weak; the fact that the people can be so well-meaning and so disappointing. It has been truly said that there is no strain so continuous as that of helping a weak friend to climb.—Exchange.

Desire for Friends Universal.

Whether we confess it or not, we all desire to be loved; however we may scoff at friendship, we secretly long for friends. But like every other good thing on earth, being liked by others must in some way be earned; it has its price, and must be bought. He who will take no trouble to make himself worthy of the liking and regard of his fellows must in the end find himself lonely.—Exchange.

Thermos Bottle.

If you use a thermos bottle, you will notice, after using the first time, that the cork may smell musty or have the odor of coffee on it. To do away with this entirely, dip the cork in hot paraffin until all the pores are closed. Repeat whenever the paraffin is worn off.—Good Housekeeping.

Now You Can Buy Fair-Priced Government Flour

TO bring down high living costs; to give every flour user in this locality a chance for real saving; the Government is putting on the local markets good flour at a low prices.

This flour is made of soft red winter wheat. It is favored by good cooks everywhere.

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sells to the public around 75 cents for 12 pound packages and $1.50 for 24½-pound packages.

Retailers may buy this flour in paper sacks in car lots at $10.43 per barrel, or in cotton sacks at $10.80 per barrel. (In less than car lots, paper $11.15, cotton $11.55).

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NOTICE
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December 26, 27, 29

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Only 3 Big Days

Our big Christmas rush prevents us from issuing sale bills for this big Bargain Event. This is the greatest sale of good, honest merchandise ever offered in this vicinity with bargains for everyone in all departments. Only three big days of bargain feasting.

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CHECK ARTISTS REAP HARVEST DURING THE CHRISTMAS RUSH

Many Uniontown Merchants Are Duped by Slick Swindlers

THE SCHEME WAS A BOLD ONE

In Uniontown "check kiters" reaped a rich harvest during the busy Christmas rush, according to police reports, where are recorded the various merchants "done" by a shopper or group of shoppers who did business with a check book and took the balance in cash. Merchandise delivered at a number of Uniontown homes were received reluctantly and the objections waved away with a "Merry Christmas." In most cases the crest-fallen delivery clerk returned for the merchandise. The total of the losses by the operations of the "check kiter" will not be determined until the checks taken are cleared by the banks. The check book shopper usually tendered his check upon an out of town bank and when the merchant was hesitant about accepting it asked him to call the bank on the phone and test its value In some cases this was done and an account was found in the name of the man whose signature the check bore.

The scheme of the "check kiters" was to make a purchase and tender a check in payment for a much larger sum than the cost of the purchase. The difference was paid in cash and a delivery address left One woman is reported to have received two pieces of merchandise exactly the same from different stores when she did not order either.

Reports to merchants when deliveries were made that no such articles had been bought resulted in the discovery that a number of merchants were victimized. Some merchants at first declined to entertain the protest of delivery, saying that the husband had bought the article as a Christmas gift Uniontown merchants are now careful in accepting out of town checks for purchases made, particularly when the size of the check is larger than the bill amounts to.

Delila Jane Snow

Delila Jane, wife of Phillip Snow, died at the family home, 515 Washington avenue, Friday evening, December 26, at 8:15 o'clock, aged 69 years. Funeral services will be held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock, in charge of Rev. John R. Burson, interment to follow in the Charleroi cemetery. The deceased is survived by her husband, two daughters, Mrs. John B. Campbell and Mrs. J. A. Henderson, both of Charleroi, and nine grandchildren.

Mrs. Mary Uhor.

Mrs. Mary Uhor died at her home, 1026 Fallowfield avenue, December 26, at 12 o'clock, aged 30 years. Funeral services will be held in St. Cyril and Methodious church Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, interment in Calvary cemetery.

Advertise your wants in the Classified column of The Mail.

REVELRY WILL BE ABSENT THIS YEAR

Compared with other years the welcome this year revelers will extend to the New Year will be tame. There will be no intoxicating liquors and the usual scenes which have heretofore characterized the ushering in of the new year will be missing. This will mean a big loss in revenue to certain cafes which heretofore made a specialty of this kind of entertainment, but what these places lose the people in general will gain.

SOME MYSTERY IN THIS MESSAGE

The Belle Vernon Enterprise says that recently a family residing on the hill in that town purchased their supplies for the Sunday dinner and among the many articles was a roast of beef. The basket and contents were hung high under an open porch so that they would not be disturbed. Sunday morning when the lady of the house went to prepare the Sunday dinner, basket and all had disappeared. Of course there was no roast for the day and the incident was almost forgotten, when on looking up where the basket had hung a few mornigs before, there it was. Taking it down a package was found inside tied up in two pieces of a clean bed sheet, pinned together. There was a mystery. What did it signify.

The man of the house has been a worker in the mills at Monessen for years and as his pay was satisfactory he did not join the strikers By inquiry the family learned that the message in the basket meant that there would be two deaths in the family inside of a year While this may be the intent of the message there will certainly not be that many if the man warned can get the first drop on the other fellow, as he does not propose to be bulldozed or scared into quitting his job.

—See Fritz. from Eberhart. the Candy Kid. with his sweet smile, at the Moose Bazaar tonight. 173t3

HUNDREDS VISIT BIG BURNING GAS WELL

Hundreds of people from this section of the valley went to McKeesport Thursday afternoon to visit the scene of the burning No 1 Dutcher gas well in Snake Hollow district, and which caught fire Wednesday evening just as it was about to be turned into the mains. A number of expert drillers will make an effort today to put out the fire. The well has an estimated daily production of 20,000,000 cubic feet, and the fire represents a daily loss of about $3.000 to the owners.

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Come and be entertained free. Monessen Moose Bazaar tomte. 173-t3

Warns Against Investing Without Studying Situation

Dr. George H. Ashley, the State geologist, who has completed another study of the new gas wells in the McKeesport district, on Friday repeated the warning that people who "are now blindly investing in stock in undrilled wells in the McKeesport pool," are facing financial losses. Dr. Ashley has made several surveys of Pennsylvania fields where gas and oil strikes have been reported and has made formal statements against placing too much confidence in them and also warned people against investing without careful study.

In spite of this warning, however, the gas fever, which has been raging in McKeesport for a number of weeks, is gradually creeping up the valley, and many people in this section are becoming interested in these ventures, which in the past have proved so valuable to the promoters. With the leasing of all available territory below Monessen, as well as the taking over of certain acreage in the vicinity of Monongahela leads one to believe that active operations on an extensive scale are about to be undertaken in this section of the valley to hunt for additional fields of gas.

AUTO LICENSE RUSH NOW VERY HEAVY

Automobile license tags for 1920 are being shipped from the automobile division of the State Highway Department at the rate of 4,000 a day, and it is planned to increase this number to 5,000 a day. Applications are pouring in on the divisional officers and there are big bundles of checks and money orders beig sent to the State Treasury.

The rush for licenses is later than usual this year, but bids fair to be very strong during the remaining days between now and the first of January In spite of lateness there are numerous requests for special numbers comming in, practically all of which it is possible to grant owing to the heavy demands and the plan of handling the licenses as they come.

Hot rolls served at Casino Cafe at all hours. 135-tf

COLONIALS WIN BY A LARGE SCORE

The Colonials, formerly the St. Jerome Lyceum five, easily defeated the Union Athletic Club at Concordia hall last night. The team work of the Colonials was too speedy for the U. A. C.

Following is the score:—

Colonials:		U. A. C.
Oates	F	Leonard
F. Protin	F	Parent
E. Protin	C	McIlvaine
Lentz	G	Kurpjuweit
Ludwig	G	Yaros

Field Goals—Oates 2. F. Protin 2, E. Protin 8. Lentz 4. Ludwig 5, Leonard 2. Parent. McIlvaine, Kurpjuweit 3 Fouls—Oates 3 out of 5. E. Protin 3 out of 3, Yaros 3 out of 10. Substitutes for Colonials. Fournier. Gallagher. Mahoney. U. A. C., Marchinett. Louisiana. Referee. Schafer. The Colonials have open dates for any lightweight team in the valley. Address H. Fournier. manager.

RETIREMENT POLICY IS GIVEN BY STATE

Under the opinion given last Friday by Deputy Attorney General Emerson Collins to the State School Retirement Fund officers it is held that the time is passed for persons who were employes of the public school system when the act creating the retirement fund became effective to elect to participate in the benefits. Such persons were noted as present employes.

Mr. Collins says: "It may be noted that the period allowed by the act for present employes to enter the association was not unreasonably short, extending from July 18. 1897. to 1919. and should have accorded ample notice to all." He suggests that any relief would have to come from remedial legislation. "and not in straining with its express terms It must be taken as it stands, not as we think it ought to be."

FORMER STRIKERS SEEKING OLD JOBS

Former strikers and others beseiged the employment office at the wire works of the American Steel and Wire plant in Donora on Friday morning, the strikers seeking their old jobs, while the new men were ready to take anything that might be offerd in the way of employment. The mill has adopted a conservative policy with regard to returning men. and where new men have taken their jobs, the former strikers are being informed that they threw away their jobs when they had them. and that they will now have to accept anything that is offered.

The company is following out the policy of retaining all men on the jobs where they have made good, and with the labor supply becoming plentiful are having no trouble in supplying all their wants in this particular line. Normal conditions are expected to prevail beginning with next Monday.

PITTSBURGH STEEL TO ERECT BIG COAL DOCK AT MONESSEN

Work on Improvement Expected to Start Very Soon

WILL BE OVER 800 FEET LONG

The Pittsburg Stel Company on Friday received a Federal permit for certain improvements on the Monongahela river, to be erected in front of the Monessen plant. which is said to be the second largest permit granted by Federal authorities during the recent months.

The permit calls or the construction of piers, wharf, ice breakers, cluster piles and dredging at the point where the improvements are to be made.

The company proposes to construct at once a modern wharf 800 feet long to accommodate the receipt of fuel by river and also will install the latest and most improved methods for unloading fuel barges. Two concrete piers will be constructed. three ice breakers. while dredging to the amount of 10.000 cubic yards will be necessary in order to prepare for this improvement.

At the present time the steel company receives its river fuel at Wireton. where it is unloaded into cars and then distributed to the various departments in the mill. When the new harbor is completed and the hoisting and distribution machinery installed it will be possible to lift the maximum amount of fuel in a day and distribute at a minimum of cost.

During the past week a pile driver has been at work along the river front of the mill placing a number of piling at intervals. which are to be used as guides for the construction work which will likely be placed under way in a very short time. It will be possible to do the dredging under present weather conditions. and this will likely be the first step in the making of this improvement, which, when completed, will permit the big mills on the east side to take care of all its fuel needs in the most expeditious manner.

MANY FOREIGNERS WERE MADE CITIZENS

Almost 200 foreign born persons were made naturalized citizens by the Westmoreland county court on Friday last. Many of these new citizens are young foreigners who served in the United States army during the great war. Greater stress is placed on the naturalizing process than in recent years and Judge McConnell, who presided, emphasized the duties of every good American whi h went along with American citizenship.

GIRRATINO'S BODY IDENTIFIED BY FRIENDS

Complete identification of the body of Salvatore Girratino. the Charleroi barber, was made at the Tmcoe morgue, California, Friday afternoon by George Natale. a friend. and Joe Calamare, with whom Girratino boarded here in Charleroi. These two men were accompanied by Chief Albright and Officer Murphy, who assisted in the identification.

The body of Girratino is being held at the morgue in California, pending information concerning a brother and sister said to live in Scranton. Friends here in Charleroi, as well as California, are being interested in the funeral of the murdered man. which it is anticipated will now be held some time next week.

There have been no new developments in the case, nor have their

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SHOOTING AFFRAY OVER IN WIRETON

A quarrel among a crowd of colored men at Wireton, late Friday afternoon resulted in a shooting scrape, in which John Price shot and severely wounded John Patterson. The bullet struck Patterson in the left side of the body. passed down through the pelvis and lodged in his leg, where it was found later by a physician.

After the shooting Price attempted to make his escape and fled across the bridge into Lock Four. He was followed by the State Police, who traced him through North Charleroi and finally captured him in the first hollow below the town. He was taken to the Monessen lockup and is being held pending the outcome of Patterson's injuries. It was reported this morning that the wounded man had excellent chances for recovering.

Sing out the old,
Sing in the new.
Come to the old-song sing
Washington Avenue Pres. church
173-t1

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BLAME ELECTROLYSIS FOR DAMAGE TO PIPES

The first case involving electrolysis as a basis of complaint was filed on Friday with the Public Service Commission of Harrisburg by the Greensboro Gas company against the Pittsburg Railways company. It is alleged the railways company, in laying its tracks in Charleroi, did not bond its rails and that the leakage of electricity has for two years caused great damage to the complainant's pipes.

It is said that many trolley companies in the state have not bonded their rails, and that damage. especially to gas mains through ignition is great.

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Coyle Theatre Monday and Tuesday

2 DAYS

Cecil B. DeMilles production

"FOR BETTER, FOR WORSE" featuring Elliott Dexter, Gloria Swanson and Jack Holt

The gowns worn in "For Better. For Worse" are worth going miles to see they have never been equalled in motion pictures

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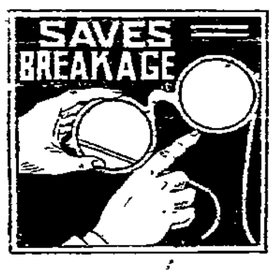

SHELL RIM SPECTACLES

Windy days and slippery walking make a pair of shell rim spectacles a necessity in winter. The cost is moderate here.

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